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1. EMBASSY CCMS OFFICER PRESENTED U.S. VIEWS RE FORTHCOMING
PLENARY SESSION (REF D) TO ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY DIRECTOR

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GENERAL ERIK LYKKE ON OCTOBER 5. TEXTS ON INTERNATIONAL
ROAD SAFETY AND GEOTHERMAL ENERGY SUBMITTED PROMPTLY IN

ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS (REF E AND STATE 199770). FOREIGN MINISTRY ALSO KEPT INFORMED OF EMBASSY APPROACHES TO ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY.

2. NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET FORMULATED POSITIONS REGARDING CCMS PLENARY OR NAMED ITS DELEGATION. WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT MEETING OF EXPERTS AND "POLITICAL ECHELON" OFFICIALS IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 19 TO COORDINATE GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS AND DECIDE UPON REPRESENTATION.

3. MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION ALSO HOPE TO RESOLVE ISSUE OF CONTROVERSIAL WORDING IN INTERNATIONAL ROAD SAFETY RESOLUTION AT OCTOBER 19 MEETING.

4. EMBASSY CONTACTS AT ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY HAVE PROMISED TO INFORM US SOONEST ONCE DECISIONS ARE MADE.

5. COMMENT: NORWEGIANS HAVE BEEN UNDERSTANDABLY RELUCTANT TO MAKE DECISIONS DURING PERIOD OF GOVERNMENT CHANGEOVER. NEW AND UNEXPECTED MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, TOR HALVORSEN, IS ASSUMING DUTIES TODAY. LYKKE HAS STRESSED THAT NORWEGIAN RESOURCES AND PRIORITIES WILL PRECLUDE DIRECT PARTICIPATION IN LARGE NUMBER OF PROJECTS AND THAT NORWAY WILL BASE DECISIONS UPON CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF CONTRIBUTION REQUIRED AND BENEFITS TO BE DERIVED.

6. RE ROAD SAFETY, WE FEEL NORWEGIAN POSITION ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED FROM THAT REPORTED IN REF G. DISTASTE FOR QUANTIFICATION UNABATED HERE, BUT WE HAVE NOT DETERMINED OBSER-

VATIONS ALONG LINES VOICED BY BRITISH AND ALSO ATTRIBUTED TO NORWAY (REF H), ALTHOUGH THIS MAY WELL BE THE CASE.

7. REPRESENTATION BY NORWEGIANS WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY NOT BE ON MINISTERIAL LEVEL. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMALLY ADVISED THAT DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE HAAKON HJELDE, CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIVISION AT ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY AND SVEIN KNUDSEN, ALSO OF ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY, WHO HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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BEEN MEMBER OF PAST NORWEGIAN DELEGATIONS TO CCMS MEETINGS.
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